

House Resolution No. 2578

Whereas, the state of Missouri enjoys considerable acclaim and worldwide distinction as the home of the thirty-third president of the United States of America; and

Whereas, President Harry S Truman, Missouri's most famous native son, will be honored at the Missouri state capitol in Jefferson City during a festive celebration and luncheon on Thursday, May 8, 2003, to mark the occasion of his One Hundred Nineteenth Birthday; and

Whereas, "Give 'Em Hell, Harry" Day has been set aside as a special tribute of deep gratitude to the late president for all of the remarkable achievements that he realized during his tenure at the head of this nation's government in Washington, D.C.; and

Whereas, the Harry S Truman Presidential Museum and Library in Independence has graciously offered to enhance the festivities with an interesting display of historical items from the Truman administration, an exhibit of various types of memorabilia from the Truman years, and framed presentations featuring copies of letters the future president wrote before and during the First World War; and

Whereas, the Presidential Library will also provide a documentary film about Truman's famous 1948 "Whistle Stop" campaign for President; and

Whereas, those attending the ceremony will be treated to a visit and performance by Mr. Ray Starsman, celebrated Truman impersonator from the Nelson Art Gallery who will arrive by train in Jefferson City and be escorted to the statehouse:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to honor the memory of an individual whose firm convictions, courageous actions, and outstanding leadership during a critical stage in this country's history will always be remembered and appreciated, and to thank Michael J. Devine, Director of the Truman Presidential Museum and Library, and all of his staff for the important role they have played in helping to make this historic event such a tremendous success; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation during "Give 'Em Hell, Harry" Day at the state capitol.

Offered by _____
Representative Ray Salva
District No. 51

Representative Russ Carnahan
District No. 59

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2578, adopted May 7, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker